

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 HONG K 08867 011056Z

50

ACTION EA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SAM-01 OMB-01 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03

H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02

SS-15 USIA-06 ACDA-05 EUR-12 /075 W

----- 035996

R 010848Z AUG 75

FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6219

INFO USLO PEKING

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

CINCPAC HONOLULU HI

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE HONG KONG 8867

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PINT MILI CH

SUBJECT: ARMY DAY--PLA LEADERSHIP IN PLACE

1. EMPHASIZING THAT CENTRAL MILITARY LEADERSHIP IS NOW FULLY INTACT FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE LIN PIAO'S FALL FOUR YEARS AGO, THE JULY 31 ARMY DAY RECEPTION IN PEKING TURNED THE SPOTLIGHT ON THE PLA'S RESTORATION TO A RESPECTED PLACE IN CENTER POLITICS. PEKING SEEMED TO WANT TO PLAY UP THIS ROLE AND KEPT THE EVENT ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY IN A MILITARY CASTING WITH THE TURNOUT LED BY YEH CHIEN-YING, THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, AND WITH TENG HSIAN-PING, PLA CHIEF OF STAFF, AND CHANG CHU-CHIAO, DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT (GPD) HIS CLOSE SECONDS. ALTHOUGH, SIMILAR TO THE LAST TWO YEARS, THERE WAS NO EDITORIAL YEH CHIEN-YING, IN HIS TOAST AT THE RECEPTION GAVE FURTHER POINT TO THE PLA'S RETURN TO GRACE BY EMPHASIZING THE ARMY'S ROLE IN CURRENT POLITICS AS "THE PILLAR OF THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT".

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 HONG K 08867 011056Z

2. IN ADDITION TO STRICTLY CIVILIAN LEADERS WHO WERE NOT PRESENT THIS YEAR, PREMIER CHOU WAS ALSO ABSENT. ALTHOUGH HE PLAYED A PROMINENT ROLE IN THE FOUNDING OF THE PLA, CHOU PROBABLY STAYED AWAY TO FURTHER EMPHASIZE THE MILITARY'S CURRENT POSITION, ALTHOUGH HIS HEALTH MAY HAVE BEEN A FACTOR. NPC CHAIRMAN CHU TEH'S NON-ATTENDANCE MAY HAVE BEEN THE RESULT OF HEALTH PROBLEMS OR AGAIN A DESIRE TO KEEP THE FOCUS ON THOSE LEADERS WITH ACTIVE MILITARY ROLES.

3. OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCCASION INCLUDED THE REHABILITATION OF FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF LO JIU-CHING, THE FIRST MAJOR FIGURE PURGED IN THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION FOR, AMONG OTHER THINGS WANTING A LARGER SLICE OF THE BUDGET FOR THE PLA AND MORE EMPHASIS ON MILITARY TRAINING. FORMER GPD DIRECTOR HSIAO HUA, A REHABILITEE LAST YEAR, WAS LISTED AMONG THE PLA JOB HOLDERS AND PRESUMABLY HAS A POLITICAL COMMISSAR POSITION WITH THE ACADEMY OF MILITARY SCIENCE. IN KEEPING WITH THE "RETURN TO THE BARRACKS" POLICY, YANG CHIEH, ONE OF TWO FORMER MINISTERS WHO ARE PLA MEN AND REPLACED AT THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS, IS LISTED AS A LEADING MEMBER OF THE PLA. MEANWHILE IN THE ONLY REPORTED PROVINCIAL ACTIVITY SO FAR, WANG HUNG-WEN APPEARED IN SHANGHAI AND WAS IDENTIFIED PUBLICLY FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMISSION.

CROSS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY GOVERNMENT, POLITICAL LEADERS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 01 AUG 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975HONGK08867
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750266-0125
From: HONG KONG
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750891/aaaadclp.tel
Line Count: 85
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <09 JUL 2003 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <10 JUL 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ARMY DAY--PLA LEADERSHIP IN PLACE
TAGS: PINT, MILI, CH, (YEH CHIEN-YING), (TENG HSIAN-PING)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006